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COMMENT OF THE DAY

IS IT DE GAULLE'S CHANCE?

FRANCE'S political arena is in greater turmoil today than it ever has been in the past and there seems to be no end to the succession of Cabinet crises.

When M. Felix Gaillard's Government was turned out of office on Tuesday night it was the twenty-fourth Cabinet crisis and the twenty-sixth post-war government.

The Government motion called for resumption of direct negotiations with Tunisia in an effort to heal Franco-Tunisian relations which became unsettled following the bombing of a Tunisian border town.

No Easy Task

THE French President, M. Rene Coty, has now to search for a successor and in this he has no easy task as the political factions are so bitterly opposed to one another.

M. Jacques Soustelle is reported to be first on the list of candidates, but from all accounts it is unlikely that he can rally sufficient parliamentary support to form a government.

M. Soustelle, a wartime lieutenant of General Charles de Gaulle, well aware of his shortcomings has already put the latter's name forward as the logical contender capable of leading France out of the political morass.

Historic Call

NEARLY 18 years have elapsed since General de Gaulle's historic call to a beaten France to fight on and for the last five years he has maintained strict political silence.

This could well be General de Gaulle's second chance to take the stage as a possible national saviour and persuade French politicians to accept his ideas of a "strong" French regime headed by a chief of state with powers as sweeping as those of the President of the United States.

Fear Return

IT is for this reason that many politicians fear that the General's return to power would see him as an autocrat and the possibility that he would set up a right-wing dictatorship that might touch off bloody fighting with the powerful Communists.

The fear of De Gaulle appears to have been one of the main reasons which has held the weak, five-month-old coalition government of M. Gaillard together.

Draining Coeffers

MEANWHILE the Algerian war is draining France's government coffers and there is no end in sight. At the same time labour unrest is manifesting itself and the country is faced with a long coal strike due to start next Monday.

If this state of affairs continues France will be confronted with the fact that virtual bankruptcy is in the offing and it might require a strong man to avert civil war.

It is therefore not beyond the bounds of possibility that General de Gaulle, with his acute sense of showmanship and timing, will break his self-imposed political silence, and return to the arena with the backing of the country if not with the full support of the parties which have brought France down to its present level.

British Budget Debate Continues Eccles: Cotton Restrictions Not Right

Labour's Insular Policy Attacked As Dangerous

London, Apr. 16.

The President of the Board of Trade, Sir David Eccles, told the House of Commons today that the Government did not think it right to impose restrictions on imports into the United Kingdom of cotton cloth from India, Pakistan and Hongkong.

Speaking in the resumed debate on the budget proposals announced by Mr. Derick Heathcoat-Amory, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir David said there was a difference between Commonwealth countries and foreign countries. That was recognised as the foundation of the Imperial Preference system.

Sponsoring

For that reason the Government was sponsoring voluntary agreements between the textile industries concerned.

An essential step had been taken to explain to the Hongkong industry the case for this approach. That was now being done. The negotiations had not yet been concluded. He added he was hopeful that the Lancashire industry would meet representatives of the Indian and Pakistan industries in London next month.

No Confidence Vote Demanded

London, Apr. 16. The Opposition Socialist Party today demanded a vote of no confidence in Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's Conservative Government over its economic policies.

Labour spokesman Harold Wilson told the House of Commons that Chancellor of the Exchequer Derick Heathcoat-Amory presented a "little mouse" of a budget to meet Britain's "desperately urgent situation."

The vote will come tomorrow night. The Government with a majority of more than 50 in the House, is certain to defeat the Socialist motion of censure.

Break-up

The Opposition's policy of forcing up production in conditions of full employment would be a "signal to the world to get out of sterling," it would risk a run on the pound and a break-up of the sterling area.

Sir David Eccles said the Government attached the greatest importance to the Commonwealth trade and economic conference to be held in Montreal in September.

"The preferential system has served us all well and it would be very unwise for the Commonwealth to give it up or bar it away," he said.

The problem in the changing circumstances of 1958 was to find a new form of co-operation which might be added to the tariff preferences.

Sir David Eccles said if the Commonwealth desired to grow in strength and unity they must buy each other's goods. Britain must give a lead in keeping her markets open.

He went on: "Nevertheless, a situation can arise where the

Import of goods from one Commonwealth country to another can increase so fast and do so much damage to established industry that it is in the interests of all of us to bring some order into that trade.

"This is the situation with imports into the United Kingdom of cotton cloth from India, Pakistan and Hongkong."

Mr. Harold Wilson, Labour's chief spokesman on economic affairs, opened the resumed debate by urging the government to "throw off the rusty shackles" on East-West trade.

Full employment in Britain might depend on expanding this trade, he told the House.

Reuter.

NEW BILL TO AVERT HARDSHIP

London, Apr. 16. The government today published its Landlord and Tenant (Temporary Provisions) Bill designed to avert hardships under the controversial Rent Act.

The Rent Act raises rents and ends security for some 600,000 tenants some of whom face the possibility of eviction.

The new bill provides that the courts can suspend eviction for between three and nine months, and further postpone them for periods of six months at a time.

Currently, a court can suspend an eviction for only a month, or six weeks. The new bill is expected to be made law as quickly as possible.

CLEARING THE SUEZ

London, Apr. 16. The International Chamber of Shipping decided here today to recommend payments of a three per cent surcharge on Suez Canal tolls to meet the cost of clearing the canal provided they are reimbursed by their governments.

The three per cent surcharge was decided upon by the United Nations last December.

A statement said the Chamber "would, in view of the special circumstances of the situation, be prepared to recommend payment provided that this will not be regarded as precedent and that the payments are fully reimbursed by the governments of those who make them."

The ambassadors did not even know whether they would be received at the Soviet Foreign Ministry tomorrow, although the Western Powers have agreed that the preliminary negotiations on a diplomatic level should start then.

HOW WILL NEGOTIATIONS START?

PRELIMINARY SUMMIT TALKS TODAY

Moscow, Apr. 16. On the very eve of the opening of the proposed preliminary "summit" conference negotiations the three Western ambassadors to Moscow did not know today how the negotiations were to start.

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Western diplomats circles here suppose that the negotiations will take the form of conferences to be attended simultaneously by the three Western ambassadors and a high-ranking official from the Soviet Foreign Ministry, possibly Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko himself.

On the other hand, the ambassadors may be called in separately to give the viewpoints of their respective countries. This would appear all the more likely since the

HAVE YOU sent in your nomination for Hongkong's Footballer Of The Year?

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Moroccan Govt Dissolved In Cabinet Crisis

Rabat, Apr. 16.

King Mohammed V announced today the dissolution of Morocco's Government and took immediate steps to resolve the crisis, the second since this country became independent two years ago.

FOOTBALL PLAYER ARRESTED

Nice, Apr. 16. Monaco footballer Hassan Chabbi was today charged with endangering the external security of the State after he had been caught yesterday trying to cross the border from France into Italy.

Police said they believed that he was trying to join other North African footballers who had reached Tunisia after mass desertions of North African footballers from their clubs two days ago.

So far five of about a dozen footballers who disappeared from their clubs have arrived in Tunisia. Others have been reported in Switzerland and Italy.

Reuter.

Crippled

Singapore, Apr. 16. The Central Sumatran Radio claimed today that rebel anti-aircraft fire had crippled an Indonesian Air Force aircraft.

The aircraft had managed to land at the Government air base at Medan, the Radio said.

Reuter.

Cruelty

Britain, Apr. 16. Britain's animal lovers protested today against the planned use of chimpanzees as the first American space travellers.

The Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals addressed the protest to US Ambassador John G. Whitney.

United Press.

CYRIOT STORE BLOWN UP

Nicosia, Apr. 16.

A Cyprus Electricity Authority store in Astronomeis Village, 10 miles west of Nicosia, was wrecked by several bomb explosions tonight. The resulting fire destroyed property worth £3,000.

At Alhassan, near Nicosia, a bomb exploded in the toilet of a police headquarters under construction, causing some damage.

Another bomb caused extensive damage to a water pump serving the Government Forestry Department nursery at Alhassan.

Reuter.

SOCIALISTS REGAIN CONTROL OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

London, Apr. 16.

The Labour Party in elections today recaptured control of the giant Middlesex County Council on London's fringe, which it lost to Conservatives in 1955.

A pronounced swing to the left in the county council elections throughout England and Wales over the past week was also emphasised by a big boost in Labour's polls in the contest today for the parent London County Council — where Socialists had a pre-election majority of 22.

First results showed the Socialists increasing majorities in previously held seats. They had also won six seats from Conservative candidates.

Labour control of Middlesex Council, which administers local government for much of the capital's western area, was claimed after the party had made 10 net gains from Conservatives.

The London polling climaxed a week of elections for the 62 county councils of England and Wales, which are totally re-constituted every three years. In polls for over 30 councils so far declared, Labour over England and Wales as a whole claimed net gains of around 200 seats and recapture of control of several councils, including Lancashire.

Cabinet ministers belonging to the predominant Istiqal (Independence) Party resigned last night in protest against Premier Si Bekkai's approval of an anti-Istiqal manifesto of Moroccan minority parties.

Si Bekkai said today he tendered his resignation to the King before the Istiqal ministers submitted theirs. He said his approval of the anti-Istiqal bid of independent status, under which title he had become Premier.

DISBANDED

Immediately after the resignations the King disbanded the remaining one-quarter of the cabinet.

A Royal communique announcing the cabinet's dissolution said the King had summoned political leaders to his palace tomorrow for talks on a new government.

King Mohammed earlier had instructed the Foreign Minister, Ahmed Balafout, an Istiqal, to remain in Accra until the conference was finished. Balafout's name has been foremost in speculation on the appointment of a new premier.

RUSSIA URGED TO Accept Suggestion

London, Apr. 16. Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, today urged Russia to accept the west's suggestion that technical experts should at once devise a nuclear test inspection system.

"Some day I am certain, it will be needed," he told the House of Commons in answer to questions.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Foreign Secretary, said today it was estimated there were about 22 Soviet line divisions in East Germany and that the total strength of Soviet forces there was about 350,000.

He was answering questions in the House of Commons.

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DE GAULLE



TO HEAD FRANCE ONCE MORE?

Paris, Apr. 16.

General Charles de Gaulle's name was invoked tonight by his old wartime lieutenant, Rightist Jacques Soustelle, as the man to lead France out of her worst political crisis since World War II.

M. Soustelle, 46, former Governor-General in Algeria, led last night's "get tough with Tunisia" attack in the National Assembly which felled Premier Felix Gaillard, 38, after five months in office.

Best Hope

Thus M. Soustelle, by tradition, was expected to be the first politician to be named by President Coty to try to form a new Government.

But Soustelle, stopped by Left-Wing animosity before he had a chance to begin, told a Gaullist Party electoral meeting at Lyons tonight that General de Gaulle was France's best hope.

He demanded a one-year "Party truce" to give General de Gaulle a chance to solve the North African problems which have sapped France's moral and economic strength for years.

United Press.

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Reuter.

CABLE BRIEFS

San Francisco, Apr. 16. Fred Perkins advised the San Francisco Chronicle today he intended to take the advice offered him by the Eisenhower Administration, Perkins wrote: "Every day Republican statesmen announce to me that the way for me to cure the recession personally is to spend my own money. 'I am going to do it. I am going to contribute to the Democratic Party.'—United Press.

Marletta, Apr. 16. Stories all over the place. The stock visited the Stock again yesterday—Mrs. James L. Stark gave birth to an eight-pound girl, the Stark's second child.—United Press.

Chicago, Apr. 16. The Brunswick-Balke-Coller Bowling Equipment Company is providing the proper atmosphere for its April 21 stockholders' meeting. The meeting will be held in a bowling alley.—United Press.

Montgomery, Apr. 16. The Montgomery Humant Society is desperately seeking the owner of a stray horse it has found since the animal was found at a busy downtown intersection on April 2. Dobbin's feed bill is wrecking the Society's finances.—United Press.

Muscatine, Apr. 16. Real Estate dealer Harold Rosenburg has his own ideas of how husbands should celebrate national Mother-in-Law Week: "Either buying her a home, or buying yourself a home and moving out of hers."—United Press.

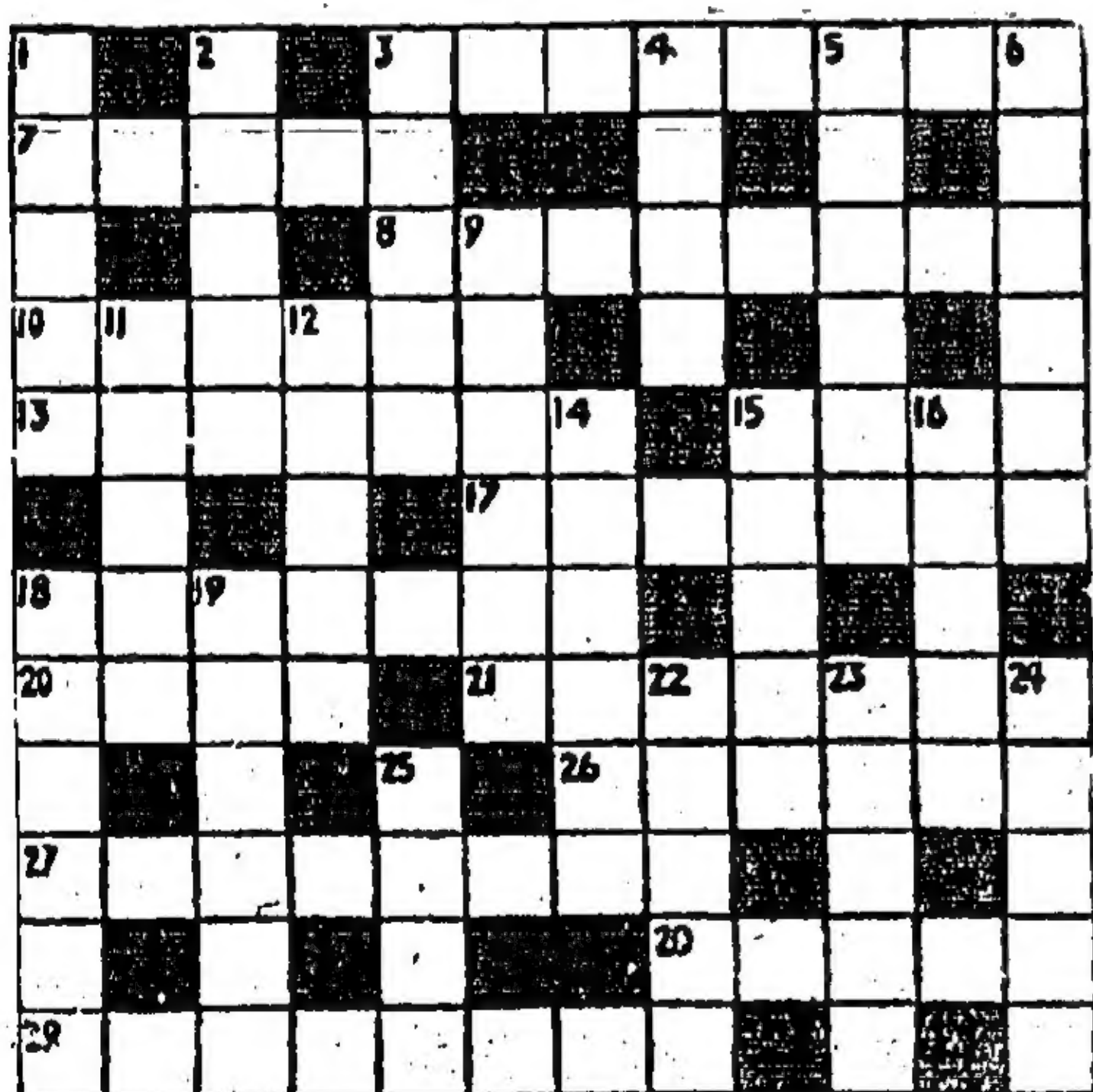
JAPAN'S POOR HIGHWAYS

Tokyo, Apr. 16. The Mainichi attacked today Japan's poor highway system and said action should be taken to eliminate the nation's reputation as having the worst roads of any industrial nation in the world. "Bureaucratic sectionalism is responsible among other things, for the chaotic conditions of roads," it said.—United Press.

Quadruplets Born

Oakland, Apr. 16. QUADRUPLETS—three girls and a boy—were born in the space of 15 minutes to a 35-year-old American woman, Mrs. Dorothy Hoskins, in an Oakland hospital today. The quads, who were prematurely born, were all placed in incubators. Weighing between them slightly over 18 pounds, the babies were all stated to be in good health.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Easy victory (4, 4).
 - Rovers in Scottish soccer (5).
 - The spirit of flying (8).
 - Land for tilling (6).
 - Noble lady (7).
 - Army corps (4).
 - He is in favour of withdrawal (7).
 - Apple's in the basket (7).
 - Garden pest that can be shot (4).
 - Envoys (7).
 - Not existing (3, 3).
 - Knob twiddler, maybe (8).
 - The best people (5).
 - Made unhappy (8).
- DOWN**
- Quite extensive (5).
 - Shrub (5).
 - Real whopper! (5).
 - Break some stones (4).
 - Disguised as a Moslem woman? (6).
 - Possibly scarlet athlete (6).
 - Utensil (6).
 - Truly a test word! (5).
 - Difficult of belief (5).
 - Unruffled (5).
 - Fieldwork (5).
 - Westmorland waters, perhaps (5).
 - The Book of David? (6).
 - Tended (5).
 - Wounded (5).
 - Slightly warmer (5).
 - Difficult of belief (5).
 - Valio (4).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Accept, 5. Scribe, 6. Order, 9. Corley, 10. Clary, 11. Tires, 13. Dies, 14. Hontas, 16. Alton, 20. Salon, 23. Balm, 25. Lewis, 26. Lagger, 27. Elbow, 28. Delay, 29. Degree. Down: 1. Archiver, 2. Cardinal, 3. Post, 4. Treason, 5. Succeeded, 6. Crisis, 7. Basic, 14. Stranger, 15. Summery, 16. Honey, 17. Nettled, 19. Toric, 21. Arena, 24. Sure.

Danger Of Over-Cautious Control

NUCLEAR TESTS: A WARNING

MODEL?—IT'S ALMOST REAL



A CROWD of youngsters fascinated by a scale model of a locomotive at the Third Model Railway Exhibition which opened at Central Hall, Westminster, recently. Anne Carter, 20, is seen at the controls. She helped to build the model.—Keystone.

FATALITY RATE DROPS IN FRANCE

Paris, Apr. 16. France is "the only country in the world where fatal highway accidents are dropping," French safety expert, Georges Gallienne, reported today. Gallienne, Vice-President of the Highway Safety Commission, said that 8,083 persons died on French roads in 1957, as compared with 8,293 the previous year. He said the past Easter holiday toll was only 66 dead as compared with 80 in the previous year.—France-Press.

SOVIET UNION'S ACHIEVEMENTS CAN'T BE IGNORED, HE SAYS

MR CABOT LODGE ON RUSSIA'S SUCCESSES

New York, Apr. 16. The Soviet Union has achieved things in industry and education during the past 40 years which the West cannot ignore, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, United States permanent representative to the United Nations, said here tonight.

In an address prepared for delivery to a dinner, Mr Lodge said: "To be sure, comparable Soviet success in raising living standards and in widening the citizen's personal liberty is not recorded. Nevertheless, when we look ahead at the next 40 years we would be very foolish indeed to be complacent about what the Soviet Union will accomplish."

Mr Lodge said there was a materialistic pleasure of the perfect Communist state which the

Soviet leaders constantly hold up before their people.

In this picture every man had his own home, car, television and refrigerator. His family was well fed and his children went to college.

"That is the Soviet Communist dream," Mr Lodge declared. "It consists, very briefly, in just a few of the material things which we have here in America already. The Soviet rulers clearly intend to move towards fulfillment of that materialistic dream. In fact they are already trying to do so. We should expect that to continue."

"We should also expect, in a few years, to see one or another Soviet product under-selling American products in world markets for the sake of Soviet prestige. A total state can easily do such things because it can actually put the state into the export business. To meet much tactics the individual who is in the export business in a free country must compete as an individual with the total resource of the Soviet state."

"They may prove to be a competition which the individual businessman who pays good wages to free labour cannot win."

"If this sort of Soviet competition gets going, we may have to face the question of whether or not to support American exports by the resources of our government."

Mr Lodge said Communism did not look to all the people of Asia the way it looked to the people of the United States. There were many people in Asia and Africa who had never lived in a representative democracy, and saw nothing wrong with being governed by an absolute ruler.

The West could not allow its competition with the Soviet Union to take place only on material or military terms. The strength of the West lay in its ideals and to the extent to which it lived up to those ideals it could appeal to mankind in a way Communism could never match.

DEATHS

Burlington, Apr. 16. Senator W. Kerr Scott (Democrat, North Carolina) died in hospital here today. He was 61. The Senator had a heart attack a week ago.—Reuter.

New York, Apr. 16. Waldemar Lichowsky, 83, piano accompanist for many noted violinists, died on Sunday.

Among those for whom Lichowsky provided accompaniment were Fritz Kreisler, Mischa Elman and Jascha Heifetz.—United Press.

New York, Apr. 16. Leon J. Livingston, 58, husband of dress designer Pollie Parnis and President of Parnis Livingston Inc. dress makers, was found dead yesterday, apparently of a heart attack.—United Press.

New York, Apr. 16. Mrs. Dorothy Cameron Murphy, 55, one of the dancing Cameron Sisters of the 1930s, died yesterday of a brain hemorrhage.—United Press.

Norwalk, Apr. 16. Arthur T. Smith, 80, onetime stage and screen actor, died yesterday. Smith played Jesus Christ in the silent movie version of "Ben Hur"—United Press.

Capetown, Apr. 16. An official of the United Party, Mr W. Hackett, was killed tonight when his light aircraft crashed near Ermelo in eastern Transvaal while he was flying back to his farm after working on today's South African election.—Reuter.

HANDS ACROSS THE ELBE

Moscow, Apr. 16. The Soviet War Veterans Committee announced today it has accepted an invitation to attend a reunion meeting in Washington.

The meeting, to be held later this month, is with Americans who linked up with Soviet forces on the Elbe River in Germany in 1945.—United Press.

Possibility Of Many Dying In A "Dirty" Atomic War

Washington, Apr. 16.

Dr Edward Teller told Congress today that over-cautious control now on weapons testing would delay the development of clean bombs and, perhaps, unnecessarily sacrifice millions of American lives in a dirty nuclear war.

Dr Teller, the "father of the H-bomb," testified before the Senate Disarmament Subcommittee. He said the United States must develop clean nuclear weapons to save innocent bystanders, its allies and its own people.

Dr Teller stressed the great need for developing clean nuclear weapons, as free as possible from radioactive fallout, in what amounted to a dissertation on revised defence strategy in the nuclear age.

He said, in effect, that Russia's ability to deliver a massive nuclear attack had out-moded U.S. policy based on massive retaliation and nuclear deterrence, with their resulting all-out war, against the interests of both nations.

"A limited war is a possible war, I hope it will never come, but if it does we must strive to keep our war limited," said Dr Teller.

Stopping tests, he said, would retard the development of clean and mobile weapons.

"By being over-cautious now, we may unnecessarily sacrifice millions of human lives in a dirty nuclear war later," he said. "Remembering that the H-bomb had been thought at first to be only a weapon of destruction, he said that there were now real hopes that it could be used for peaceful purposes."

BLUNT

Dr Teller said bluntly that he believed the Russians were improving their war machine faster than the US. After a post-Sputnik surge, he said, the United States was going to sleep again and the Russians were gaining with each month.

But Dr Teller said he thought there was still reason to hope that in the nuclear field the United States was ahead.

If both Russia and the United States should stop testing, he said, Russia would find out sooner or later through espionage what the United States knew.

"We can stay ahead only by running ahead," he said. Dr Teller also expressed the fear that a test moratorium would leave non-nuclear Soviet missiles free to take over the world since by this time, as he described it.

There is, he said, no disagreement that small nuclear tests can be held undetected while large ones will be known. But he said a country which tested small weapons improved them and improved its big weapons as well.

UNDERGROUND

If tests were banned, he said, Russia could test small weapons underground and ultimately learn how to work up to major ones, likening the seismic effects to the many earthquakes that shake the earth's surface.

Limiting tests to underground, he said, would cut off fallout. But he said it would also retard work on peaceful applications and on the most doubtful of weapons, the anti-ICBM.—United Press.

Surprise Visit

Belize, Apr. 16. President Ydigoras Fuentes of Guatemala paid an unexpected visit today to Fallalab, the border town which follows the western frontier with British Honduras.—Reuter.

Laika Didn't Die In Vain

IMPORTANT DATA ON SURVIVAL IN SPACE

London, Apr. 16. LAIKA the space dog did not die in vain, according to Radio Moscow. A broadcast from the Russian capital declared today in a post-mortem of Sputnik II, Laika's flying coffin, "Data concerning the state of a living organism in conditions of flight in a Sputnik are encouraging for future astronauts."

Laika died a week after the Sputnik was launched in November. Radio Moscow also reported that the last hours of Sputnik II were "extremely important scientifically."

The broadcast did not elaborate on this point but noted, "The Sputnik gradually increased in brightness and subsequently disintegrated like a meteoric body."

During the five-and-a-half months it was airborne, it was said, Sputnik II's orbit shifted slowly from East to West and tended to change in shape from elliptical to circular.

Radio Moscow, quoting the Director of the Tsukanki Observatory, Prof. Shchegolev, said that both Russian Sputniks yielded important information on cosmic radiation, latitude, longitude and altitude.

Low energy cosmic rays generated by the sun apparently are largely absorbed by the atmosphere, it was said to have been found.—United Press.

CUBA'S FIGHT AGAINST REBELS RAGES ON

Havana, Apr. 16. THE Cuban government reported today it had eliminated a potential rebel threat to the huge American naval base at Guantanamo.

An Army communiqué said government troops had driven off a number of rebel bands operating in the Guantanamo area, near the eastern tip of Cuba.

Rebel troops, swarming out of the Sierra Maestra Mountains, had engaged the Army in sporadic clashes in this section for the past 48 hours, but the government said the rebels were retreating and the fighting here was "nearing an end."

The communiqué also claimed two other government victories, at Palmarito and at El Dorado, near Bayamo, in Oriente Province, Chief centre of rebel activities against the government of President Fulgencio Batista.

It said heavy casualties were inflicted on the rebels in the Palmarito fighting and that much arms and equipment were captured in the El Dorado skirmish. The communiqué said the capture of nine more rebels brought to 50 the number surrendering this week.—United Press.

His Version Of What Sir Winston Would Have Said

London, Apr. 16.

A play in which an actor was said to have given his version of what Sir Winston Churchill would have said on opening a public lavatory formed the subject of a dispute in a London court today.

Five members of the Theatre Workshop Company—an avant garde group which performs at an East London theatre and has played in Paris—pleaded guilty to summonses arising from a play called "You Won't Always Be on Top."

The summonses stated that defendants unlawfully presented parts of the play which had not been allowed by the Lord Chamberlain (censor of the British theatre).

Gerald Raffles, company manager, and John A. Barry, theatre licensee, were both fined £5.

Miss Joan Littlewood, producer, was fined £2, Henry Chapman, who wrote the play and acted in it, and Richard Harris, who also acted in it, were granted conditional discharges.

Prosecuting counsel said a representative of the Lord Chamberlain found "every word divergent" between the script as passed and the play as presented to the public.

He then quoted extracts which "might be described as vulgar or not in good taste." Prosecuting counsel referred to a scene outside a public lavatory in which a character called Mick made a speech as if he was opening the building. He altered his voice and the accent was taken as an imitation of Sir Winston Churchill.

"He went on to give his version of what Sir Winston Churchill would have said if he had been called upon to open a public lavatory."

The prosecution added that Mr Raffles had said in a statement that it was never intended that the character of Sir Winston Churchill.

Defending counsel said pleas of "guilty" had been made because it was against the law to say anything on an English stage which was not passed by the Lord Chamberlain.—China Mail Special.

THE RSPCA SENDS U.S. A PROTEST

London, Apr. 16. The British Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals today informed the United States Embassy in London of their concern regarding the reported intention of the US Government to launch a satellite with a live chimpanzee aboard.

The Society declared that such a project would cause "the greatest apprehension amongst a large number in this country and elsewhere who have the welfare of animals at heart."

The Society protested in similar terms to the Soviet Embassy in London after the launching of the second Soviet Sputnik with a live dog, Laika, aboard.—France-Press.

Visit To US

New York, Apr. 16. Lieutenant General Chitti Navasathra, Thailand's Minister for Economic Affairs, flew here today from London for an official three-week visit to the United States.—Reuter.

How Did Lana's Lover Live In Hollywood?

Police Probe His Financial Status

Hollywood, Apr. 16. Johnny Stompanato owed more than \$80,000 to friends whom he had charmed but apparently never repaid before he died of a knife wound in the bedroom of actress Lana Turner, it was disclosed today.

While Stompanato's complex financial dealings cast a new light on his death at the hands of Lana's 14-year-old daughter, Cheryl, they provided police with leads on the way the former bodyguard of Mickey Cohen lived during his 10 years in Hollywood.

EVIDENCE

The Beverly Hills Police Chief, Clinton Anderson, conferred today with the District Attorney, William B. McKesson, and other officers regarding evidence on Stompanato's financial status.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr McKesson said the evidence had been uncovered that would indicate Stompanato or any of his associates ever blackmailed wealthy women.

Capl. Ray Borders of Beverly Hills Police said: "It looks as though all this is going to lead back to Stompanato. Possibly there were cases of extortion but we have no proof."—United Press.

CANCELS VISIT IN ANGER AGAINST US?

Santiago, Apr. 16. President Ibanez today cancelled his planned visit to the United States, apparently in anger over US policies on copper import tariffs.

The announcement of the cancellation was made by Mario Cluade, Secretary General of the Government, without giving any reasons.

But official circles here have heard rumours for the past few days that President Ibanez would cancel the trip because of the request of the US Secretary of the Interior, Fred Seelen, that Congress no longer continue suspension of the tariff on copper imports into the United States.—United Press.

Fired On

Istanbul, Apr. 16. Three French planes were fired upon by Syrian forces on a flight from Beirut to Istanbul, Iskenderun Airport officials said tonight. One of the three planes, sent to fight locusts in southeastern Turkey, was forced down in Syrian territory, the officials said. The other two landed safely at Iskenderun. No further details were available concerning the alleged incident.—United Press.



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A miracle?

This year Lourdes celebrates its centenary. It could be that Lourdes will be another Lourdes in hundreds of thousands of pilgrims.

In case that is the way things are going to be—and it looks very much like it—let us have a look at the facts.

Therese Neumann, who is the daughter of the village tailor at Konnersreuth, has been the centre of controversy for many years.

The vision

It all started during Lent in 1926, when Therese Neumann claimed she saw a vision of Christ in agony. During the vision, she said, she felt a pain in her side. When it was over she found she was soaked in blood from a wound.

As Lent drew on Therese Neumann had other visions of Christ. With each vision her wounds increased until they were like the Stigmata, and her sufferings apparently paralleled those of Christ.

Each Good Friday, as the day begins at midnight, she is said to see again the vision of the Passion. At 1.30 on Good Friday afternoon she crumples back as if dead. But in a few hours she is back to normal.

The Roman Catholic Church has ordered three medical inquiries, in 1927, 1929, and in 1933. None of them refuted Therese Neumann's claim to reproduce on her own body the five wounds of Christ. She has been examined in a university

clinic, but no one has ever discredited her.

Now she is unofficially recognised by the Church.

I came to the bleak mountain village of Konnersreuth to see her. She sees people most weeks in the year, although Good Friday is the day when the biggest crowds gather.

Poor homes

THE road that leads to Konnersreuth is lined with Crucifixes.

Konnersreuth itself is a small collection of poor houses, huddled together in a valley. A large church, with a tall spire, dominates the village.

There are only two other buildings that anyone would notice. One is the inn, and the other is the house of Therese Neumann, from which she seldom emerges.

The house is in the middle of the village square, in the shadow of the church spire. In complete contrast with the other buildings, it is a modern type of house.

At the inn I waited a day to see Therese Neumann. This is the focal point for all the pilgrims who collect during the week, in the hope of seeing her on Friday. They sit there tensely waiting.

Like the village itself it is a mean and humble place. On its front, a huge Virgin and Child is embossed.

Peering through the gloom of the inn, I talked to some of the pilgrims.

One man, who had come from Switzerland, told me that visitors came to this remote corner of Europe from America, Austria, France, and other countries.

"My wife has made me come," he said. "She has been before many times, and now she made me come. Wives are the same the world over."

Another, from Munich, said: "The inn for miles around are booked up. My wife and I are old age pensioners. We are poor, but we come."

This is no tourist attraction, run by slick money-makers. There are no cafes in Konnersreuth, no motor-coach parks, no facilities for the morbid sightseer.

Everywhere there is an air of heavy and medieval evangelism. There is no sound of children playing in the streets.

At last, after hours of waiting, I was told I could see Therese Neumann.

A few people, including a dozen priests and my Swiss friend and his wife, huddled around the front door. They chanted in prayer.

The door opened. I crossed a stone-flagged floor, and was ushered up some stairs. Everyone's face was pale. Some of the women started weeping.

In a bedroom Therese Neumann was sitting upright in bed. She was covered in a white shroud. A priest stood beside her, mumbling something I could not understand.

Therese Neumann looked hardly human.

She was grinning. Blood was streaming from her eyes. The white shroud was covered in bloodstains, especially at the temples and the wrists.

Such of her face as could be seen behind the blood appeared blank and expressionless.

The room was a mass of crosses and religious texts. There was an unpleasant, musty smell.

Enough

A FEW seconds in that room are enough for even the most fervent believer in Therese Neumann.

It is either a deep religious experience, or a horrifying, ghastly nightmare.

Therese Neumann has been lying like that for more than 30 years. It is said that she has taken no food or drink except for Communion since 1925.

It is said that mingled with her groans are Aramaic words, such as Christ spoke. Thirty years is a long time for a fake, and anyone who has seen her will hesitate before condemning Therese Neumann.

I picked up the phone... a voice said 'I'll get you'

New York. THE telephone always rings twice. The first call came in the early morning a few hours after I had returned to New York from Canada. A man's voice, hoarse with drink, or menace, said: "That Don Iddon? I'm going to get you if it's the last thing I do."

A stream of curses and threats: "I'm going to get you and your wife and daughters. Remember what happened to Victor Riesel. Watch out, you're going to get it soon."

There was heavy breathing at the other end of the wire. I said: "You're mad or drunk or both... and I'll have this call traced in seconds."

The man rang off and, as it turned out, I wasn't able to trace the call. You have to get the police on another line while keeping up the conversation with the character who is threatening.

Victor Riesel is the columnist on labour unions who was blinded when a thug, a fringe member of Johnny Dief's gang, flung acid in his eyes as he left Lindy's, the Broadway restaurant. Other journalists have been threatened, but no violence has been done.

The second call came the next night, but later, about midnight. It was very brief. "You're another 24 hours nearer what I promised..."

This time the man was not drunk. There have been two more calls, one to my home and one to my office. I have, of course, informed the police, and I am giving the F.B.I. (the Federal Bureau of Investigation) the details.

It is a curious, chilling incident in my 25 years as a foreign correspondent. The voice sounds British, though lacking culture, and the person who is making these threats is obviously obsessed with rage and presumably what he considers revenge against me.

The reference to Victor Riesel is puzzling. Although I have written about Johnny Dief and his gang, it is unlikely that they are readers of any newspapers in which this column is syndicated.

Anyway, there it is—a bizarre home-coming to Manhattan. I will keep you informed of developments.

Fabulous

BOARDWAY is sad... Battered by the death of that fabulous trip George Jean Nathan, drama critic extraordinary, savage satirist, author, and publisher.

He died, aged 76, in the theatrical hotel, the Royalton.



DON IDDON'S DIARY

where he had lived for 52 years. At his bedside was his actress wife, Julie Hayden, whom he married when he was 73 and she was 45.

Nathan had the longest run on Broadway. He sat in the stalls for 40 years. Millions of words poured from his typewriter as he debunked hokum and sentiment and crusaded for higher dramatic standards.

His closest friend was H. L. Mencken, whom he resembled in his biting wit and sword-sharp tongue, which punctured the pretensions, the banal, and the mawkish. Mencken and he were the terrors and scourges of the incompetent.

George Nathan was a brilliant editor as well as distinguished author and critic. Along with Mencken he edited the magazines Smart Set and American Mercury, and helped to swell the fame of F. Scott Fitzgerald, Aldous Huxley, Theodore Dreiser, James Joyce, and Eugene O'Neill.

Although Nathan was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he was a New Yorker by instinct and preference. He sneered at the Great White Way, but loved it.

He was a landmark and institution in Manhattan. Here are some of Nathan's most scintillating comments on people and affairs.

Work: "I believe about work as I believe about drink. It should be used in moderation."

Sex: "To the Latin sex is an hors d'oeuvre. To the Anglo-Saxon it's a barbecue."

Alcohol: "I drink to make other people interesting."

Most modern playwrights: "They read and act like pulp writers crossed with telegraph key-men."

Neat Gaudier: "He has nothing to sell but his own vast personal boredom."

T. S. Eliot's The Cocktail Party: "Bosh sprinkled with mystic cologne."

Lana (LIKE THEM ALL) sent for Giesler

WHEN Hollywood is in trouble it retains Jerry Giesler, the mouthpiece of the stars.

Among the first things that Lana Turner did when her daughter Cheryl stabbed her mother's boy-friend John Stompanato to death was to ring up Giesler and say: "Jerry, I need you. I need you right away. I'm in deep, deep trouble."

It was Giesler who argued with the detectives, spouting eloquence before the homicide squad, and it was Giesler who told the Press: "This is justifiable homicide. The child is a minor. Talk of murder is nonsense. The stabbing was forced upon her."

He is by far America's most successful criminal lawyer, and although he has not the emotional drive of a Clarence Darrow, legal experts say he is a better attorney. He is a master of courtroom technique and wins the jury, and often the judge, with easy skill.

ALL SAVED

OF 70 of his clients accused of murder not one has gone to the electric chair, the gas chamber, or the gallows. He didn't get them all off, but he saved their lives.

Giesler has won 98 per cent of the more than 2,000 cases which he has handled.

Plump, balding, he sometimes wears a toupee, he is not particularly impressive in presence or appearance.

He has a pot-belly, but during a strenuous trial he has been known to lose a stone and a half.

Today he was consulting with Lana Turner, soothing her more than the sedatives which the doctors had ordered. "Now, don't take on so, Lana. We'll have you out of this and your daughter back with you in no time."

Giesler rarely uses the word "I". He says "we," although the Giesler defence is essentially a one-man show.

He has a genius for portraying his client as "just an innocent victim of circumstances."

He made Robert Mitchum's smoking of marijuana another example of "innocence in the circumstances" and he made Turner plenty.



LAWYER GIESLER.
70 CLIENTS SAVED FROM THE CHAIR.

paragons of virtue of Errol Flynn and Lili St. Cyr.

Giesler is a quiet operator, quiet outside the courtroom and inside until the end of the case, until his final appeal to the jury. He rarely raises his voice.

His clients have included Joan Crawford, Bette Davis, John Barrymore, George Raft, Louis B. Mayer, John Wayne, Shelley Winters, Zsa Zsa Gabor, and Marilyn Monroe.

Not long ago Giesler lectured undergraduates at Yale and Harvard. He said: "The most valuable asset of all that I have ever been able to discover is common, ordinary, everyday courtesy. It takes less effort than to be unpleasant."

All the frailties of human beings he forgives. And he has handled cases ranging from charges of rape to cold-blooded and hot-blooded murder. He has successfully defended the frantic and the frivolous. He carefully coaches his witnesses.

When the strip-teaser Lili St. Cyr was charged with over-exposure Giesler told the court: "I think her dance is beautiful. She has her heart in her art. Here is a fine young lady trying to lift herself up in the true American way. That's a right we all have."

Later the prosecutor shouted at Miss St. Cyr: "Do you usually take off your dress to try on a hat?"

Miss St. Cyr replied demurely: "Of course."

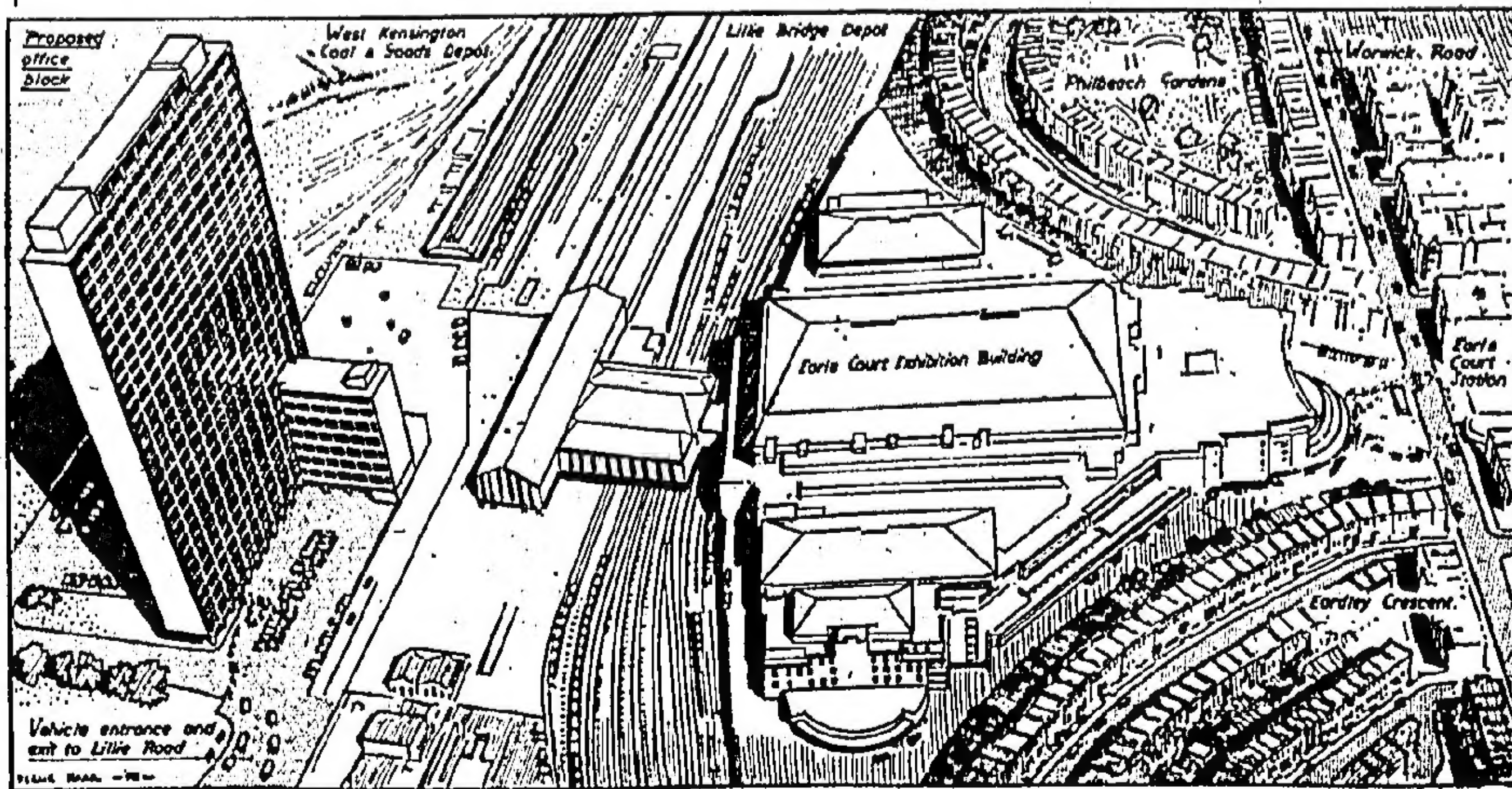
Almost all the Giesler clients, despite the tangles they get in, return to the studios with little tarnish.

The paternity suit against Charles Chaplin and the rape charge against Errol Flynn did not dent their reputations too much. Giesler saw to that.

Flynn paid Giesler a \$50,000 fee. The Hollywood mouthpiece's services are expensive. The current case will cost Miss Turner plenty.

THE OLD EMPRESS HALL GOES...

—and a £2,000,000 skyscraper is to rise in its place



By FRANK HOAR

IN 1887, the year of her Golden Jubilee, Queen Victoria became Empress of India. The old Sports Ground at Earle Court provided the site for the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, and the Exhibition Hall there was named the Empress Hall in the great Queen's honour.

Until 1914 the hall and grounds were used for exhibition purposes and between 1914 and 1918 it was filled with Belgian refugees. Thereafter the grounds became a graveyard for old London buses and a training depot for drivers for the London General Omnibus Company.

In the mid-thirties the Company leased the grounds to a public company who built the present Exhibition

Hall. The old Empress Hall in Little Road, now over 70 years old, has outlived its use and would be too expensive to modernise. It is proposed to demolish it and erect on its site a glittering 300 feet high office block in reinforced concrete, which, until the Shell building is completed will be London's highest.

Designed by Mr. W. J. Blegs and Mr. J. K. G. Sargeant of Messrs Stone, Toms and Partners, architects of some of London's biggest developments, it will hold 3,500 people. There will be a car park for 250 to 300 cars. The cost will total about £2,000,000.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

MOTHER AND SON



Mrs. David Sung keeps her 11-year-old son Jerry company as he waits to compete in the Surrey Hard Courts Tennis Championships at Roehampton Club recently.

They came to Britain from Hongkong four years ago.—Reuterphoto.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

12th RACE MEETING

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th April, 1958
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 20 RACES

The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.
The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.
Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the trial of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 6 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.
Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).
The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.
NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.
Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$40.00 each for both days and \$20.00 for each day may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, Chater Road, and 5, D'Aguiar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the 1st day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 18th April, 1958, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 10th May, 1958, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, Chater Road, and 5, D'Aguiar Street on:

Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 12th April 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 20th April 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

323, Nathan Road, Kowloon

Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, 12th April 9 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 20th April 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Backpackers, To Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Yankees Suffer Their First Defeat

New York, Apr. 16.

The Boston Red Sox, who have been tabbed by Casey Stengel as the team his New York Yankees should fear most in the American League Pennant chase, started living up to that tag today by handing the Yankees their first defeat of the season, 3-1.

Ex-Yankee Jackie Jensen set the pace for the win over his old mates when he crashed a two-run homer in the first inning and right-hander Dick Sisler took it from there, holding the AL champions to seven hits over the nine-inning route.

Fists Fly In Friendly Rugby League Match

Leeds, Apr. 16.

A scene in which blows were exchanged between players, followed by a second incident in which a player was kicked while on the ground, marred a "friendly" match between a British Rugby League XIII and France at Headingley today.

Britain won by 10 points to eight after leading 9-5 at halftime.

Midway through the second half four League players and four Frenchmen were involved in a scene in front of the main stand. Then when play resumed there was another outburst and French full back

J. Rives was cautioned. In one incident the League scrum-half J. Stevenson was kicked while on the ground.

Highlight of the match was two spectacular tries by the young South African Tom van Vollenhoven, a wing three-quarter.

The League XIII were not as enterprising as had been hoped, considering the talent available, and France were often the more impressive with their more assured handling. The League, however, got on top near the end.

ASIAN GAMES

South Korea Hopeful To Win Hockey Event

Seoul, Apr. 16.

South Korean Athletic Association officials said today field hockey was one of the most hopeful events for South Korea in the forthcoming Asian Games in Tokyo.

They said the only serious opposition to the Korean field hockey team would be teams from India and Pakistan, the officials said.
They were hopeful for gold medals were track and field events, soccer and weightlifting. They said the Japanese team would be the strongest contender against the South Korean team in track and field events for the 100 metres free style.
In the last Asian Games, Singapore won a gold medal for water polo.
Mr. Michael Bain, a Singapore Amateur Swimming Association spokesman, said, "Speed against a stopwatch over a set distance is not everything."
"After all, it is the team that scores the most goals that wins, and in water polo this is not necessarily the faster team," he added.

The officials said the Korean team were also expected to show good records in boxing and table tennis events.

WATER POLO

Singapore, Apr. 16.

Singapore will send a water polo team to the Asian Games in Tokyo next month, despite the fact that two of the first six players have not passed the special test of 48 seconds for the 100 metres free style.

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'Calcutta To Hold World Billiards Championship

Calcutta, Apr. 16.

The World Amateur Billiards Championships will be staged here this November and December, it was announced today.

The championships have attracted entries from England, Australia, India, Scotland, Burma and India, while Kenya may take part. There are also chances of Pakistan and Burma competing once they are affiliated to the world body.

Among the participants will be Australia's defending champion, Ron Cleary, and England's current champion, Leslie Irwin. Gold.—France-Press.

NOTICE

MOTOR SPORTS CLUB OF HONGKONG

Annual Dinner Dance
On Friday, April 18, 1958.

Special late Vehicular Ferries have been arranged, leaving Kowloon at 1.30 a.m., 2.00 a.m. and 2.30 a.m.

HAWTHORN WINS BIG RACE



The 100-mile Glover Trophy race at Goodwood, England, early this month was won by British driver Mike Hawthorn in a Ferrari, averaging a speed of 94.96 mph. Hawthorn is pictured after the race taking a drink from his trophy. Beside him is Mrs. Daniel Glover, whose husband donated the trophy.—Express Photo.

THIS EAST LONDON HERO LEADS WEST HAM TO DIVISION ONE

VIC KEEBLE JOINS SOCCER'S ELITE

By ALAN HOBY

Some footballers are born with the Barnum touch. Showmen to their boot-tips, spectacular in all that they attempt, they spill colour like an upturned bucket of paint.

Such a one is Stanley Matthews. Others in the same crowd-pulling category are Danny Blanchflower, Tom Finney, and Manchester United's two world-beating inside-men, Ernie Taylor and Bobby Charlton.

But now I must add another name to this list of soccer stars who can close the gates and stop the traffic.

It is Vic Keeble, idol of West Ham—the leader who heads the ball home like a striking cobra; the centre-forward who, in a few brief moments has transformed West Ham from an average Second Division team into a slick, top-of-the-table side.

Like Lawton

For when, on October 12, 1957, West Ham manager Ted Fenton bought the explosive, 26-year-old Keeble from Newcastle for £10,000, the Hammers were half-way down the table with only 12 points from 12 games.

Now, nearly six months later, West Ham have hit up 52 points from 38 games. And fabulous Victor Keeble has slammed in 18 goals, as well as helping in 18.

Yet Johnny Dick to another 18. Yet Keeble, 5ft. and 12st. of hard-fibred grit and muscle, might never have played League football had not Fenton, then manager of Colchester, taken a stroll across a local common one evening back in 1947.

"I stopped and watched some boys kicking a ball around in their ordinary clothes," West Ham's dark, trigger-thinking boss told me the other week.

"And here, there, and everywhere was a leggy, gangling, hump-shouldered kid who could head the ball like a junior Lawton."

Ted Fenton promptly signed Keeble, then 15, on the Colchester ground staff. Five years later he was transferred to Newcastle, but Fenton, although no longer with Colchester, never forgot him.

Now let Keeble continue one of the most unusual stories ever to come out of soccer.

"I went to Colchester Grammar School where the only game was rugby," he told me. "There I captained the First XV from stand-off half, scoring quite a lot of tries. I was given an Eastern Counties Public Schools trial at Wansstead."

"I was also approached later by a Rugby League scout to join a northern club, but I simply wasn't interested."

CEYLONESE SOCCER TEAM IN CHINA

Peking, Apr. 16.

A Ceylonese football team arrived in Kunning, Yunnan, by plane from Rangoon today at the invitation of the All-China Athletic Federation, Radio Peking reported tonight.

The team will make a short stay in Kunning to visit scenic spots and play matches with a Kunning football team before going on a tour of China to play other friendly matches.—France-Press.

DRAWN MATCH

Paris, Apr. 16.

France and Switzerland played to a goalless draw in their international football match at the Parc des Princes Stadium here tonight.—France-Press.

United, Spurs, Preston, and Wolves in football's top circle. (London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)

Real Madrid Enters European Cup Final

Vienna, Apr. 16.

Real Madrid, holders of the European Soccer Cup, today qualified for the final of this year's competition, according to Budapest Radio.

They were beaten 2-0 by Vasas in their second leg semi-final match in Budapest, but won the tie on an aggregate of 4-2, having won the first leg game by 4-0.

In the first Real Madrid meet with Manchester United or Milan, who have yet to play their semi-final matches. Vasas led 1-0 at halftime in today's game.—Reuter.

Right On The Target With His Putt Shots

Delany Beach, Apr. 16.

Young Billy Key, bank executive and "Just a Sunday golfer," had his putts and approach shots right on target today and whipped Marion Rudolph 3 and 2 to win the Men's Western Amateur Golf Tournament.

It was the first major tournament victory for the 27-year-old Columbus, Georgia, Bank Vice-President, and it took an uphill battle at times in the afternoon round of the 36-hole final match over the chilly and blustery Country Club of Florida course.—United Press.

BASEBALL SCORES

New York Apr. 16.
Major League baseball results today were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York 000-010-000 1-7-0
Boston 200-100-00x 3-10-0

Sturdivant, Duren (6) and Berra; Sisler (1-0) and Dally.
LP-Sturdivant (0-1). HR-Jensen (2nd).

Kansas City 000-000-202 8-14-0
New York 000-010-000 4-10-1

Shaw, Valentinetti (3) and Morgan; Lollar (1-0) and Spencer (7). Preko (9) and Hagan, Thompson (7); Donovan, Moore (8) and Lollar.

WP-Spencer (1-0). HR-Maxwell (2nd). F. Bolling (1st).—United Press.

Detroit 010-000-103 6-12-1
Chicago 120-010-000 4-10-1

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Boxer Packs Up

Never, Apr. 16.

Threatened with blindness, faries Dione, France's former European welterweight boxing champion, announced today that he was hanging up his gloves.

Dione, who was scheduled for boxing bouts in Britain and in South Africa, said that after suffering from chronic gains in his eyes, he consulted a doctor.

The doctor advised him to pack up boxing if he wanted to keep his sight.—France-Press.

THE GAMBOLS

THE GARDEN'S STARTING TO GROW AGAIN, DARN IT

SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO BREAK MY BACK DIGGING AGAIN NOW

WELL, DARLING, YOU WEREN'T DUE TO SLAVE IT LAST YEAR?

WE DON'T NEED SO MANY VEGETABLES THIS YEAR

Time on your hands...

By Barry Appleby

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SHEAFFER'S
ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

South African Elections



US Accused Of Controlling Pakistan's Economy

Moscow, Apr. 16. The Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia declared today that Pakistan offered satisfactory proof of United States indifference to genuine development of backward countries.

The newspaper charged that the US had "used" the Pakistani alliance with the West to bring "American monopoly" control to Pakistan's economy.

The iron, steel and engineering industries in Pakistan remained "just as backward as under British rule," Izvestia said showing how much US aid meant to essential branches of a nation's economic life.

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Most of the US-aid, Izvestia continued, has been used for military purposes rather than for economic development.

Pakistan's trade picture, according to Izvestia, was also unhealthy.

The home market was an arena for battle among "monopoly interests" of Britain, the United States, Japan and West Germany, Izvestia said, and foreign trade was harmed by a shift in trade with India due to "anti-Indian sentiments fanned by US propaganda." — United Press.

THE CLASH IN COURT

THE most compelling legal dramas are often enacted when the Expert steps into the witness box and counsel begins to cross-examine him.

This is the theme of Edgar Lustgarten's new series which begins on Saturday.

In it the famous broadcaster, novelist and criminologist recalls some of the thrilling verbal clashes in court when the Expert gives evidence.

EXPERT UNDER FIRE



by Edgar Lustgarten
begins in the
CHINA MAIL
on
SATURDAY

VICTORY PREDICTED FOR GOVERNING NATIONALISTS

Johannesburg, Apr. 16. First results in South Africa's all-white general elections prompted general predictions today that the Nationalist Party would be returned with an increased majority.

In the first results for 11 seats, the United Party held seven of its safe seats here with sharply reduced majorities, while the Nationalist Party held on to four of its safe seats with increased majorities.

Calculations based on a seven per cent switch would give the Nationalists 101 seats in the 150-member House of Assembly. The Nationalists had a 23-seat majority in the last legislature. An "exceptionally heavy" poll was reported from most centres.

First Seats

The first two seats declared both went to the United Party. They were in Pietermaritzburg and the Vaal Brandis area of Johannesburg.

An estimated 90 per cent overall poll was recorded. Both the National and United Parties expressed satisfaction with the high vote.

Observers pointed out that the first results declared will be from urban areas where the United Party is strongest, while the later results will be from Nationalist strongholds specially in rural areas.

A total of 272 candidates are contesting 132 seats in the new House of Assembly.

The remaining 24 seats have been filled by United Party candidates who were returned unopposed.

At dissolution, the House comprised: National Party 99, United Party 52, Labour 4, Independents 3.

By early tomorrow it should be clear whether South Africa had decided on a further five-year term for the ruling Nationalist Party, led by Dr Johannes Strijdom.

Polling stations closed at 8 p.m. and were reported they expected a record poll.

Alternative

For the whites, the alternative to another term for the Nationalists, who have ruled for 10 years, is to return the United Party, led by Sir de Villiers Graaf, who was educated in Oxford and favours closer ties with Britain.

Like Mr Strijdom, he advocates social and residential segregation of the races, but he opposes the Nationalist desire for segregation in the field of economic development.

The Nationalists say United Party rule would mean first equality, and then domination for Africans over whites in South Africa.

Mr Strijdom said in his constituency of Waterberg tonight that he would not cast his vote.

"I do not want the opposition party to feel even worse," he said.

But Mrs Strijdom cast her vote. Her husband's opponent is Mr G. Du Preez, United Party.

National Party organisers said that the real reason why Mr Strijdom has not voted is that he feels it is not right that he should vote for himself. — United Press and Reuter.

FREED, THEN ARRESTED FOR MILLION \$ THEFT

Toronto, Apr. 16. New York financier Peter Crosby was cleared today of five charges of theft, false pretences and fraud, then re-arrested less than 10 minutes later and charged with the theft of more than \$1 million worth of stock.

The 34-year-old ex-husband of movie star, Denise Darcel, was cleared on the first counts by a technicality. Judge Ian Macdonnell quashed the indictment against the dark-haired Crosby when Defence Counsel G. Arthur Martin argued that the charge of theft of shares "of value more than \$50 was not specific."

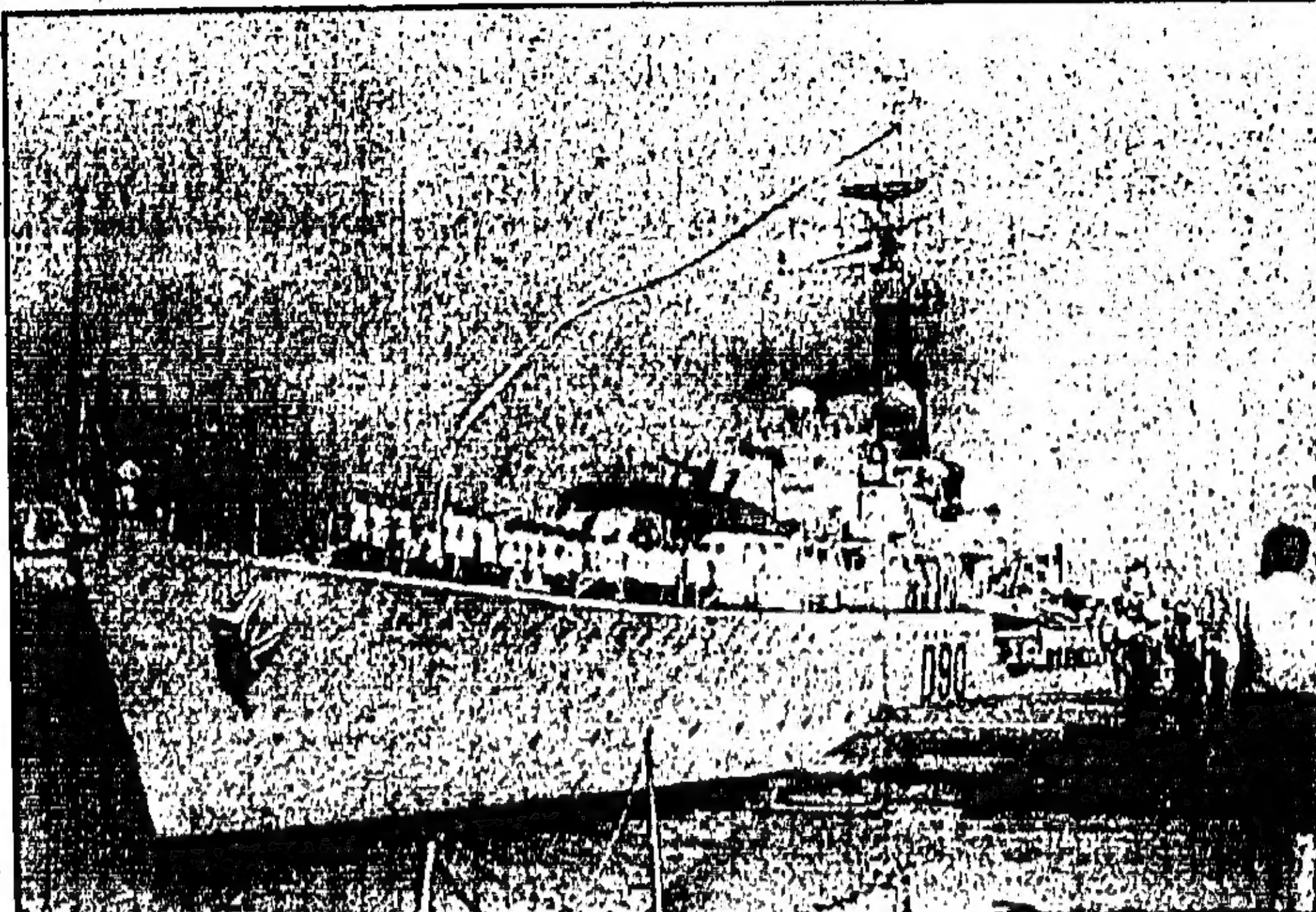
QUASHED

The charges against Crosby involved 314,268 shares of Mica Company of Canada Limited Stock, valued at some \$1,100,000. The charge laid today states the exact amount and value of the alleged theft.

Crosby, who had sat through the hearing apparently unperturbed, grinned broadly when the judge quashed the indictment, stepped from the prisoner's dock and strode quickly from the courtroom.

Toronto Detective-Sergeant Ron MacFarlane, speeded after the handsome New Yorker, caught up with him on the City Hall steps and re-arrested him.

Bail was renewed at \$25,000. — United Press.



Paying off penant flying in the morning breeze, HMS Cheviot leaves to recommission in Singapore.—Staff Photographer.

HMS CHEVIOT LEAVES TO PAY OFF

HMS Cheviot, leader of the Eighth Destroyer Squadron, left North Wall in the RN Dockyard at 10 o'clock this morning to pay off and recommission at Singapore.

Commodore G. D. A. Gregory, Commander-in-Charge, Hongkong, and Mrs Gregory, were present to see the destroyer off. Commodore and Mrs Gregory were met at the prayer wall by the commander of the Cheviot, Captain C. W. Mallins on their arrival at 9.45 a.m.

Send-Off Songs

While HMS Cheviot was leaving her berth at North Wall slowly amid the traditional send-off songs "Will ye No Come Back Again" and "Auld Lang Syne" played by the Hongkong Police Band, the whole company of 210 manned ship to give three cheers to the Commodore-in-Charge.

The Police Pipe Band was also in attendance.

Among those who saw the ship off were Flag Lieutenant, Lieut. M. Barrow, Capt. J. S. Milner, Captain of HMS Tamar, Capt. J. A. Osborne, Chief Engineer of RN Dockyard, and Mrs Osborne, Commander B. O'Neill, Commander of HMS Tamar, Capt. J. Perks, Captain of RN Dockyard and Mrs Perks, Lieut. Cdr D. Lough, and Lieut. Cdr J. Canter.

49,000 Miles

A number of Chinese junk folk were also at the scene. They gave a traditional Chinese send-off by firing strings of firecrackers on board their junks.

A new company for HMS Cheviot will be flown out and the present one will fly back to the United Kingdom. The ship commissioned at Mombasa late in 1956 during the Suez crisis which prevented air troopings to the Far East at the time. Since then she has often been in Hongkong, and has spent altogether for about six months—more time here than in any other port.

The 49,000 miles she has steamed in this period have taken her to Ceylon, Malaya, South Vietnam, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Burma, Thailand, Borneo, Western Australia and Cocos Islands. She has taken part in all the major fleet and Sea exercises in the Far East as well as many others.

Sports

HMS Cheviot has played a full part in many sporting and outdoor activities including winning the Small Ship's Regatta in November last year; the ship, a woman sailor, was above average for a small ship. While in Hongkong, the Cheviot's company have undertaken a number of expeditions into the remote parts of the colony by boat, bicycle and on foot.

HMS Cheviot last came here on April 2, after exercises on the passage from Singapore with a combined Commonwealth fleet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do We Need A City Hall?

To The Editor: China Mail.

Sir,—I understand there are arguments still going on "for and against" a City Hall. I take no sides. I only sell entertainment and am not prepared to tell others what to do, only that I must have some suitable place to house my great artists if I am to continue in business.

Here is what happened. I just booked (at great financial risk) the Salzburg Marionettes to give performances here in early May on their way home from the Osaka Music Festival. This is truly giving my public, both grown-ups and kiddies, a great treat. I. The Lake Yew Hall was at first made available and then it was very correctly discovered that it was impossible to let me have the Hall on the required dates. The Queen's College Hall had also been booked by someone else for that particular time. Result—the Marionettes will not perform here.

I have been informed by Government that our City Hall will be ready sometime in 1960. If this is definite, then there is nothing more to be said. If we are being "kidded", however, then perhaps this is as good a time as any to throw this subject open for discussion. In conclusion, I should like to make it quite clear—that I attach no blame whatsoever to the University or school authorities, who are always anxious to co-operate in the promotion of cultural activities in the Colony.

HARRY ODELL.

FACTORY FIRE

A fire broke out last night in a garment factory at 608 Castle Peak Road, sixth floor, causing damage estimated at \$10,000.

The fire, which started at 8.40 p.m., as a result of some waste catching alight, was discovered by the watchman. It was put out at 9 p.m. There were no casualties.

Two Snatching Cases In Kowloon

Two cases of snatching from women were reported to the Police yesterday. Both took place in Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

In the first case, a handbag containing \$500 was stolen from a woman tourist from Singapore. In the second case, a man snatched a wrist watch whilst his victim was climbing a staircase.

FISH STOLEN

A Chinese was arrested yesterday following the theft of some fish from a jolly parked in First Street in the Western District.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I spent months teaching Arnold not to be shy, and now look! That's my reward!"

Consolidated Action Against British Vessel

Claims in three actions consolidated into one action against the ss Portaritissa, a British vessel registered in the British West Indies, which is now under arrest in Hongkong, were brought before the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Admiralty Court this morning.

The plaintiffs are 32 officers and crew of the ship, the master of the ship Mr Michael Manizavinos and the local agents of the ship, Barretto Shipping (HK) Ltd., of Wing On Life Building.

The claims in respect of the master and the officers and crew are for wages due, etc. The ship's agents claim is for a sum of \$11,978.06 being balance due for necessities supplied to the ship.

Plaintiffs are represented by Mr Victor Gittins, instructed by Bruton and Co.

Charterers

The charterers of the vessel and the owners of a cargo of soy beans on board the ship, Deutsche Linien und Ausen Handel Nahrung, also joined as plaintiffs in the action. Appearing for them is Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Deacons.

An application by Mr Gittins for the three actions to be tried at the same time and on the same evidence was granted by the Court. Counsel also said that Mr Wright had applied to the Court and had been granted leave for his clients (the charterers of the vessel and the owners of the cargo) to be joined as plaintiffs.

Mr Gittins told the Court that the owners of the vessel are a British company, Messrs Marina and Frangos Ltd., of London. The ship was registered at Nassau, British West Indies.

No appearance had been entered in the three actions and leave had been granted to proceed ex-parte. Counsel said that the action was based on the articles of agreement dated April 21, 1957, for a period of not longer than 12 months.

There was a clause which provided, on the termination of the voyage within 12 months, for discharge of the crew at Piraeus in Greece. There was another clause which incorporated various clauses of the current agreements of the National Maritime Board.

Signified Off

Mr Gittins said that some of the original members of the crew had signed off and others had signed on in their place. There were in fact 32 plaintiffs out of a total number of 60-odd crew members.

Recapitulating the events which led to the present action, Counsel said that at the end of January this year the ship was en route from Dairen in Manchuria to European ports, and put into Hongkong to refuel. There were certain difficulties with the then agents for the owners. The master of the ship was informed by telegram just before he arrived that the previous agent were no longer acting and that another firm had been appointed the new agents.

The ship arrived in port on January 29, 1958 and the new agents arranged for the pilot and the preliminary procedures. They then informed the master that they were rejecting the agency and after two or three days inter-change of telegrams the present agents were appointed.

Mr Gittins said that that caused a certain amount of delay. The vessel was detained because the cargo had been carried or stored in the ship in an unsafe condition. Counsel added that he was instructed that the technical phrase was absence of shifting boards which were required for this type of cargo (soya beans). There was also delay in the delivery of the necessary fuel oil, the suppliers refusing to part with any oil until they had been paid in London, and the master of the ship and the agents here were without funds from the owners.

Wages had been unpaid since the end of September and there was no money for the purchase of fresh food, stores, etc. Mr Gittins said. He added that the master even had to hire a launch on credit for the necessary transportation from ship to shore.

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Counsel further informed the Court that the crew had requested the owners through their master to make allotments to their families in Greece and elsewhere. That was in December last, before Christmas. Although the owners said in their cable that allotments had been made, they had in fact not been made and that was very disturbing for the morale of the personnel of the ship, Mr Gittins said. He added that the crew members received letters and telegrams from their families saying they had not received any money for a long time.

The master and the crew had received every possible assistance from the Marine Department of the Hongkong Government. Mr Gittins said that there was an officer, Mr J. Montague-Ebbs, of the Marine Department in Court in case His Lordship required assistance on the matter. Writs were issued and various interlocutory proceedings were taken.

Crew Matters

Mr Gittins suggested in dealing with the three actions that the plaintiffs prove they had substantial claim in principle without going into too great a detail. Counsel also suggested that if His Lordship were agreed to the procedure under Rule 88 of the Admiralty Rules, he would ask the Judge to refer the matter of damages and taking of any account to the Registrar, and direct that he (the Registrar) be assisted by Mr Ebbs who, Counsel said, handled all crew matters on behalf of the Director of Marine. Counsel said that he was directed to ask His Lordship to order under Rule 108 for sale of the ship by public auction without appraisal in order to expedite the liquidation of the assets of the ship.

Greek Consul

Mr Gittins also informed the Court that this instructing solicitors had received a communication from the Greek Consul in Hongkong informing them that the contributions to the Greek Seamen's Compensation Fund had not been paid by the owners. There was a sum of £3,200 "outstanding" which was not a subject matter of the action. Counsel said he thought he should inform the Court of some other pressing claims against the owners. Hearing is proceeding.

Sophia Loren Gives A Party

Sophia Loren, Hollywood's most glamorous European import, celebrated her first year in America with a "thank you" buffet supper for 150 members of the domestic and foreign Hollywood press corps at Paramount Studio.

Since arriving in Hollywood from her native Italy, Sophia has starred in three important pictures for Paramount release. Their producers acted as co-hosts.

As a review of Miss Loren's year, screen-wise, excerpts from the three productions were shown to the guests. The scenes were from Don Hartman's "Desire Under the Elms," Melville Shavelson and Jack Rose's "Houseboat" and Carlo Ponti and Marcello Girotti's "The Black Orchid."

Suspects Arrested

Three Chinese, including a woman, were arrested on suspicion of various cases of theft in Kowloon yesterday.